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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support of Microsoft and of the settlement. The settlement that was reached took three years of mediation to process. I believe the terms of the settlement are very fair and will benefit the technology sector. Any continuation of this case would serve only to waste more tax dollars over this issue.

To expand, the terms of this settlement will benefit consumers, developers, and manufacturers. Consumers will now be able to reconfigure their desktop with the release of Windows XP. Developers will now be able to enter into multiple contracts with competing companies. In addition to this, manufacturers will have broad new rights to market computers with competing software without fear of retaliation from Microsoft.

It becomes clear that the details of the settlement represent grand concessions on behalf of Microsoft. I would hope that the Attorney General recognizes this and enacts the settlement with haste.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Calvin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Calvin